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CHANGES IN LABOUR POLICY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make changes in the present Labour Policy;

(b) if so, the changes proposed alongwith reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Government have consulted State Governments, trade union leaders and others in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome of the consultation;

(e) whether the Government propose to create a separate fund for organised and unorganised labour; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d) : Review and updation of Labour Policy is a continuous process to make it in tune with emerging needs. The thrust of the Labour Policy is on consolidation of the base created through tripartism for maintaining industrial peace and harmony. Tripartite consultation with the State Governments, employers and employees unions is invariably undertaken before amending and enacting any labour legislations or policy.

(e) & (f) : At present there is no proposal for creating a separate fund for organised labour and unorganised labour as a whole. However, the Government have set up Welfare Funds in respect of various categories and sub-categories of workers in unorganised sector i.e. the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund, 1946, the Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund, 1976, the Limestone & Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund, 1972, the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, 1976 and the Cine Workers Welfare Fund, 1981. There is a provision of Welfare Fund for Construction Workers under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1996.